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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	QUERY MODIFICATION SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

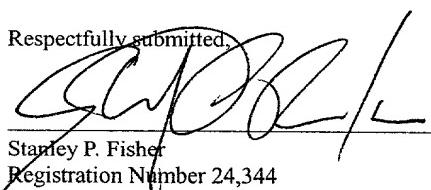
Enclosed are:

- 9 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
  - Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-198757 to claim priority date of June 29, 2001.
  - An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
  - An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
  - A Preliminary Amendment
  - An Executed Declaration
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